

REMARKS

1. Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to place such claim in better form.

No new matter is introduced by reason of the proposed claim amendment and prompt entry thereof is respectfully requested.

2. Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

According to the Restriction Requirement, the examiner has identified the following patentably distinct species under 35 U.S.C. § 121, as follows:

Group I. Claims 2-4, drawn to sensor means.

Group II. Claims 5 and 6, drawn to guide means.


Group III. Claim 7, drawn to a pinion and ring gear.

Group IV. Claims 8-13, drawn to a pin and elastic means forming a locking means.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect without traverse **Group I (which corresponds to claims 2-4)** for prosecution on the merits in the present application. According, dependent claims 5-13 have been withdrawn herein. Applicants' election is without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected subject matter through divisional application(s).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Prompt substantive examination of all elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



Basam E. Nabulsi

Reg. No. 31,645

Attorney for Applicants

Date: March 25, 2010

McCarter & English, LLP
Canterbury Green
201 Broad Street, 9th Floor
Stamford, CT 06901
Telephone: 203-399-5920
Facsimile: 203-399-5820
E-mail: bnabulsi@mccarter.com